Montgomery County, Maryland
Department of Police

2006 Year-End Crime Report

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Year-End 2006 Crime Statistics

Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger today announced a 6.1% increase in total crime within Montgomery County for the 2006 calendar year. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics for year-end 2006, as compared to year-end 2005 show:

- **Part I Crime increased by 5.4%**
- **Part II Crime increased by 6.4%**
- **Overall, Total Crime (Part I and Part II totals) increased by 6.1%**

Reports of Part I Crimes Increased by 5.4%

Murder:	decreased by 21.1%	(from 19 to15)
Rape:	decreased by 6.0%	(form 150 to 141)
Robbery:	increased by 12.7%	(from 1,035 to 1,166)
Aggravated Assault:	decreased 4.8%	(from 875 to 833)
Burglary:	increased 6.6%	(from 3,570 to 3,804)
Larceny:	increased 6.2%	(from 15,869 to 16,860)
Auto Theft:	increased 0.3%	(from 2,486 to 2, 493)

Reports of Part II Crimes Increased by 6.4%

Part II crimes are defined as minor assaults, arsons, forgery-counterfeiting, bad checks, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons offenses, sex offenses, controlled dangerous substance (CDS) violations, gambling, family offenses, juvenile offenses, liquor law violations, disorderly conduct, suicide, and non-traffic offenses.

Homicides:

Of the 15 homicide cases in 2006, six of them were directly related to domestic disputes. Eighty percent of the victims were previously affiliated with their killers. Strangers were responsible for two deaths. Twelve of the 15 homicides cases have been closed, resulting in an 80% closure rate. Five of the homicides occurred in the 6th District. The 1st & 4th Districts each had 3 homicides, while the 2nd & 3rd Districts each reported two incidents. There were no homicides reported in the 5th District in 2006.

Rape:

There were 141 reports of rape in 2006. More than three-quarters of victims were related to or previously acquainted with their attacker.

Robberies:

Of the 1,035 reported robberies, approximately 18% were commercial. The remaining non-commercial incidents, approximately 52%, were street robberies. Over one-half of the recorded street robberies were classified as "strong-armed robberies." There were firearms used in nearly 30% of the street robberies. Police continue to see an increase in the group robberies (pack robberies) where four or more suspects are involved. The incidents, though not overwhelming in numbers this year, have grown from the previous years and appear to be consistent with robbery activity in the region.

Aggravated Assault:

Of the 833 reported aggravated assaults 21% (173) were domestic-related husband or wife, 10% (87) were other domestically–related, 63% (522) there was no known relationship between suspect and victim, 6% (51) were against police officers.

Burglary:

Residential burglaries represented approximately 72% of the 3,804 burglaries recorded in 2006. Approximately 26% of the total burglaries recorded in 2006 were commercial related. The 3rd District led all districts with 811 burglaries, and conversely, 5th District had the lowest number of recorded burglaries in 2006 (452) although the figure was a 14.4% increase over the previous year's total. The remaining districts were the 4th (750), 6th (640), 1st (620), and 2nd (531).

Larcenies:

Nearly 50% of the 16,860 recorded larcenies for 2006, were thefts from vehicles (8,022) Many of these thefts from vehicles may have been prevented by simply locking car doors and not leaving valuables in plain site. Thefts from buildings and shoplifting were the next two most frequent types of thefts.

Auto Thefts:

There were 2,493 vehicle thefts recorded in 2006, seven (7) more than in the previous year. There were decreases in vehicle thefts recorded by the 3rd District (-13.3%), 2nd District (- 7.6%), and the 1st District (- 5.9%). The 3rd District recorded the highest vehicle theft total for the year with 732, while the 5th District recorded the lowest total with 225 vehicle thefts. The 4th District finished the year with 533; 6th District 434; 1st District 303; and 2nd District 266.

Motor Vehicle Collisions:

The following analysis is a comparison of 2006 and 2005 year-end statistics. A three year comparison analysis for your review can be viewed later in the report.

- The total number of all motor vehicle collisions investigated by Montgomery County Police decreased 1.3% from 12,236 to 12,076.
- Total number of fatal collisions increased 31.6% from 38 to 50.
- Fatal collisions alcohol-related increased 50% from 10 to 15.
- Total fatalities from motor vehicle collisions increased 44.7% from 38 to 55.

- Total number of collisions resulting in injury decreased 0.3% from 4826 to 4813.
- Alcohol/Drug related collisions decreased 6.7% from 975 to 910.
- Pedestrian fatalities increased 70% from 10 to 17.
- Pedestrian collisions decreased 1.2% from 434 to 429.
- There were no bicyclist fatalities a decrease of 3 from 2005.
- Total number of bicyclist collisions increased 35.6% from 87 to 118.
- There was a 20% decrease in motorcycle fatalities from 5 to 4.
- Total number of motorcycle collisions remained the same 123.
- Total number of collisions involving drivers under 21 increased 2.1% from 2332 to 2382.

The statistics in the Year-End Crime Report do not reflect crimes that have occurred in the City of Takoma Park. The City reports their statistics separately.

Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger stated, "Crime is inching up in Montgomery County, as it is in many areas across the nation. The good news for us is that homicides, rapes and felonious assaults all decreased in 2006. Our auto-theft rate stayed at about the same level. The most disturbing issue for us is the increase in robbery cases, especially the 'group robberies.' We had 142 cases where four or more suspects preyed on a lone victim. In my view, this is the most significant crime trend we face. The Montgomery County Police have done several things to react to this trend, including increased patrol presence in certain locations, the deployment of a Police Community Action Team (P.C.A.T.), and increasing the number of detectives working these cases. I am encouraged by the number of arrests we are making in relation to these robberies.

As our population increases, we are naturally seeing some increases in our calls for service. What remains constant, however, is that Montgomery County is a safe place to live and work. Our crime rate is very low for a jurisdiction our size.

Our emphasis in 2007 is reducing robberies and targeting those neighborhoods that have seen an increase in crime.

Traffic safety continues to be a priority. Pedestrian-involved collisions decreased last year as did vehicular crashes. While this is encouraging, the MCPD will continue to vigorously enforce traffic laws, particularly in those areas where we see the most collisions.

I am proud of the dedication displayed by all men and women of the MCPD- sworn, civilian and volunteer. Their efforts are making a difference in Montgomery County, day in and day out."

Note: A copy of these crime statistics, as well as those from previous years is available at the Montgomery County website under the Crime Stats link on the Media Services/Press Release page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police. Or a copy can be picked up at the Montgomery County Police Headquarters, 2350 Research Boulevard, Rockville, MD, 20850.

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Comparison Study of Offenses
January 1 - December 31, 2006 - 2005

	2006 Monthly	2005 Monthly	% Change	2006 Year To Date	2005 Year To Date	% Change
Murder	1	3	-66.7%	15	19	-21.1%
Forcible Rape	15	15	0.0%	141	150	-6.0%
Stranger	(7)	(3)		(39)	(41)	
Known	(8)	(12)		(102)	(109)	
Robbery	94	87	8.0%	1,166	1,035	12.7%
Commercial	(15)	(15)		(213)	(190)	
Non - Commercial	(79)	(72)		(953)	(845)	
Aggravated Assault	56	80	-30.0%	833	875	-4.8%
Burglary	342	302	13.2%	3,804	3,570	6.6%
Residence	(266)	(216)		(2,726)	(2,585)	
Commercial	(70)	(81)		(974)	(907)	
School	(6)	(5)		(104)	(78)	
Larceny	1,360	1,319	3.1%	16,860	15,869	6.2%
Shoplifting	(204)	(235)		(2,556)	(2,510)	
Veh Related Theft	(645)	(538)		(8,022)	(7,197)	
From Buildings	(314)	(389)		(3,745)	(3,842)	
All Other Larcenies	(197)	(157)		(2,537)	(2,320)	
Auto Theft	207	195	6.2%	2,493	2,486	0.3%
Part I Total	2,075	2,001	3.7%	25,312	24,004	5.4%
*Crime Against Persons	72	98	-26.5%	989	1,044	-5.3%
*Crime Against Property	2,003	1,903	5.3%	24,323	22,960	5.9%
Minor Assaults	424	375	13.1%	5,428	5,070	7.1%
Arson	11	29	-62.1%	245	192	27.6%
Vandalism	569	572	-0.5%	6,864	6,511	5.4%
Weapons	39	53	-26.4%	503	483	4.1%
Narcotic Drug Laws	312	294	6.1%	3,674	3,369	9.1%
Sale/Manufacture	(36)	(48)		(571)	(523)	
Possession/Use	(276)	(246)		(3,103)	(2,846)	
Family Offense	25	37	-32.4%	366	369	-0.8%
Juvenile Offense	121	144	-16.0%	1,622	1,909	-15.0%
Disorderly Conduct	1,148	1,076	6.7%	14,933	13,897	7.5%
All Other Part II Offenses	1,082	937	15.5%	12,567	11,617	8.2%
Part II Total	3,731	3,517	6.1%	46,202	43,417	6.4%
TOTAL CRIME	5,806	5,518	5.2%	71,514	67,421	6.1%
Assaults on Police Officer	39	49	-20.4%	463	435	6.4%

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PART I OFFENSES CLOSURE RATES COMPARISON STUDY
January 1 - December 31, 2006 - 2005

PART I CLASSES		Monthly Offenses	Monthly Cases Cleared	Clearance Rate %	Year To Date Offenses	Year To Date Cases Cleared	Clearance Rate %
Murder	2006	1	1	(100.0%)	15	13	(86.7%)
	2005	3	2	(66.7%)	19	19	(100.0%)
Rape	2006	15	15	(100.0%)	141	82	(58.2%)
	2005	15	5	(33.3%)	150	63	(42.0%)
Robbery	2006	94	32	(34.0%)	1,166	399	(34.2%)
	2005	87	45	(51.7%)	1,035	328	(31.7%)
Aggravated Assault	2006	56	42	(75.0%)	833	507	(60.9%)
	2005	80	52	(65.0%)	875	488	(55.8%)
Burglary	2006	342	98	(28.7%)	3,804	821	(21.6%)
	2005	302	85	(28.1%)	3,570	755	(21.1%)
Larceny	2006	1,360	228	(16.8%)	16,860	2,808	(16.7%)
	2005	1,319	257	(19.5%)	15,869	2,585	(16.3%)
Auto Theft	2006	207	16	(7.7%)	2,493	379	(15.2%)
	2005	195	26	(13.3%)	2,486	278	(11.2%)
Total Part I	2006	2,075	432	(20.8%)	25,312	5,009	(19.8%)
	2005	2,001	472	(23.6%)	24,004	4,516	(18.8%)

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Comparison Study of Arrests
January 1 - December 31, 2006 - 2005

Year To Date Criminal Arrests	2006	2005	% + -
Murder	17	21	-19.0%
Rape	71	61	16.4%
Robbery	453	410	10.5%
Aggravated Assault	499	485	2.9%
Burglary	677	573	18.2%
Larceny	1,967	1,942	1.3%
Auto Theft	322	406	-20.7%
Part I Total	4,006	3,898	2.8%
Minor Assaults	1,240	1,167	6.3%
Arson	20	31	-35.5%
Vandalism	190	200	-5.0%
Weapons	450	425	5.9%
Narcotic Drug Laws	2,736	2,534	8.0%
Family Offense	37	16	131.3%
Juvenile Offense	5	8	-37.5%
Disorderly Conduct	316	309	2.3%
All Other Part II Offenses	4,023	3,838	4.8%
Part II Total	9,017	8,528	5.7%
TOTAL CRIME	13,023	12,426	4.8%
*C/A/Persons	587	567	3.5%
*C/A/Property	3,419	3,331	2.6%

Criminal Arrests	2006	2005
Total Current Month	988	1,079
Total Year to Date	13,023	12,426
Male Current Month	820	904
Total Year to Date	10,800	10,390
Female Current Month	168	175
Total Year to Date	2,223	2,036
Under 18 Current Month	158	158
Total Under 18 YTD	1,649	1,736

Criminal Citations Issued	2006	2005
Total Current Month	513	527
Total Year to Date	6,597	5,496

Residents Arrests	2006	2005
Part I Classes	60.1%	62.1%
Robbery	66.2%	66.8%
Burglary	69.4%	68.8%
Auto Theft	49.2%	62.3%
Narcotics	72.5%	74.0%
Non-residents Arrests	2006	2005
Part I Classes	39.9%	37.9%
Robbery	33.8%	33.2%
Burglary	30.6%	31.2%
Auto Theft	50.8%	37.7%
Narcotics	27.5%	26.0%

Reported Traffic Collisions
Comparison 2006 - 2004

Data Source: Reported Traffic Collision Tactical Database

Traffic Collisions	2006	2005	% Chg	2004	% Chg with 2006
Total Collisions	**12076**	**12236**	**-1.3%**	**13052**	**-7.5%**
Fatal Collisions	50	38	31.6%	60	-16.7%
Injury Collisions	4813	4826	-0.3%	5324	-9.6%
Property Damage	7213	7372	-2.2%	7668	-5.9%

Traffic Collisions	2006	2005	% Chg	2004	% Chg with 2006
Hit & Run Collisions	2004	1948	2.9%	1996	0.4%
Alcohol/Drug Related ~	910	975	-6.7%	1029	-11.6%
Pedestrian Collisions	429	434	-1.2%	420	2.1%
Bicyclist Collisions	118	87	35.6%	91	29.7%
Motorcycle Collisions	123	123	0.0%	123	0.0%
Involving Drivers under 21 years of age	2382	2332	2.1%	2585	-7.9%

~ Alcohol related collisions include both alcohol and drugs; and include all collisions where alcohol/drugs may be involved, but may not meet the legal requirement for driving while intoxicated.

Traffic Collisions	2006	2005	% Chg	2004	% Chg with 2006
INJURIES (Total Persons)	6742	6870	-1.9%	7644	-11.8%
FATALITIES (Total Persons)	55	38	44.7%	71	-22.5%
Driver	28	14	292.9%	35	-20.0%
Passengers	6	6	0.0%	19	-68.4%
Pedestrians	17	10	70.0%	14	21.4%
Bicycles	0	3	-100.0%	1	-100.0%
Motorcycles	4	5	-20.0%	2	100.0%

Totals reflect collisions occurring within the confines of Montgomery County where a police report is written and filed with the records division; including most municipalities except Takoma Park and MSP.

Data Source: DWI Tactical Database; and Traffic Citations Database

	2006	2005	% Chg	2004	% Chg with 2006
Driving While Intoxicated Arrests *(Does not reflect offical totals)*	3715	3560	4.4%		
Traffic Citations Issued by MCP	123,018	122,805	0.2%	139,193	-11.6%

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

CRIME

BY DISTRICT

Monthly   December 1 - December 31, 2006 - 2005

	1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%
Murder	0	2	-100.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%	1	0	N/C
Rape	1	1	0.0%	0	2	-100.0%	3	1	200.0%	5	3	66.7%	2	3	-33.3%	4	5	-20.0%
Robbery	11	8	37.5%	6	7	-14.3%	38	20	90.0%	23	25	-8.0%	5	13	-61.5%	11	14	-21.4%
Agg. Assault	5	5	0.0%	7	6	16.7%	11	25	-56.0%	18	17	5.9%	8	10	-20.0%	7	17	-58.8%
Burglary	51	56	-8.9%	50	32	56.3%	69	87	-20.7%	88	49	79.6%	41	44	-6.8%	43	34	26.5%
Larceny	217	196	10.7%	242	223	8.5%	288	283	1.8%	233	238	-2.1%	127	124	2.4%	253	255	-0.8%
Auto Theft	25	24	4.2%	25	27	-7.4%	60	64	-6.3%	50	44	13.6%	19	14	35.7%	28	22	27.3%
Part I	310	292	6.2%	330	297	11.1%	469	480	-2.3%	417	376	10.9%	202	209	-3.3%	347	347	0.0%
Part II	616	628	-1.9%	351	344	2.0%	815	725	12.4%	778	707	10.0%	426	403	5.7%	745	710	4.9%
Total Crime	926	920	0.7%	681	641	6.2%	1,284	1,205	6.6%	1,195	1,083	10.3%	628	612	2.6%	1,092	1,057	3.3%

Cumulative

January 1 - December 31, 2006 -2005

	1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%
Murder	3	4	-25.0%	2	3	-33.3%	3	4	-25.0%	3	3	0.0%	0	5	-100.0%	5	0	N/C
Rape	24	19	26.3%	6	10	-40.0%	22	29	-24.1%	26	28	-7.1%	21	22	-4.5%	42	42	0.0%
Robbery	133	108	23.1%	81	82	-1.2%	372	311	19.6%	234	208	12.5%	147	117	25.6%	199	209	-4.8%
Agg. Assault	67	113	-40.7%	80	82	-2.4%	218	221	-1.4%	202	164	23.2%	93	104	-10.6%	173	191	-9.4%
Burglary	620	574	8.0%	531	449	18.3%	811	847	-4.3%	750	691	8.5%	452	395	14.4%	640	614	4.2%
Larceny	2,667	2,474	7.8%	2,772	2,644	4.8%	3,352	3,092	8.4%	2,899	2,675	8.4%	1,933	1,995	-3.1%	3,237	2,989	8.3%
Auto Theft	303	322	-5.9%	266	288	-7.6%	732	844	-13.3%	533	479	11.3%	225	210	7.1%	434	343	26.5%
Part I	3,817	3,614	5.6%	3,738	3,558	5.1%	5,510	5,348	3.0%	4,647	4,248	9.4%	2,871	2,848	0.8%	4,730	4,388	7.8%
Part II	7,337	7,689	-4.6%	4,600	4,291	7.2%	9,928	8,968	10.7%	9,402	8,601	9.3%	5,870	5,220	12.5%	9,065	8,648	4.8%
Total Crime	11,154	11,303	-1.3%	8,338	7,849	6.2%	15,438	14,316	7.8%	14,049	12,849	9.3%	8,741	8,068	8.3%	13,795	13,036	5.8%

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND   **BY DISTRICT**

Monthly   **December 1 - December 31, 2006- 2005**

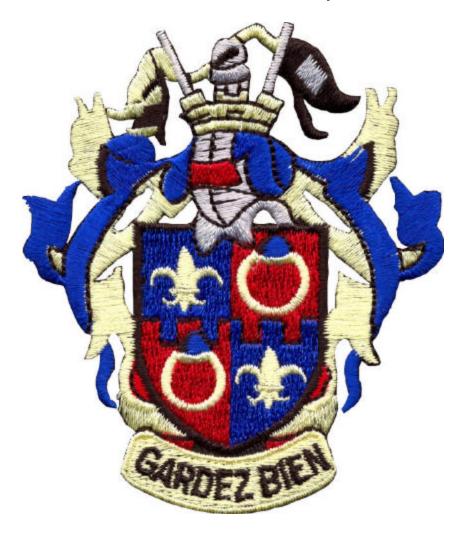|	*1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%
Murder	0	1	-100.0%	0	1	-100.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Rape	2	1	100.0%	1	0	N/C	3	2	50.0%	0	4	-100.0%	0	1	-100.0%	1	1	0.0%
Robbery	11	5	120.0%	7	2	250.0%	8	5	60.0%	3	22	-86.4%	2	11	-81.8%	3	8	-62.5%
Agg. Assault	11	7	57.1%	8	2	300.0%	7	14	-50.0%	7	6	16.7%	9	4	125.0%	2	9	-77.8%
Burglary	27	10	170.0%	2	7	-71.4%	7	14	-50.0%	9	11	-18.2%	23	4	475.0%	2	9	-77.8%
Larceny	42	54	-22.2%	14	36	-61.1%	32	31	3.2%	38	38	0.0%	8	15	-46.7%	9	42	-78.6%
Auto Theft	3	6	-50.0%	0	2	-100.0%	1	6	-83.3%	1	9	-88.9%	0	1	-100.0%	0	7	-100.0%
Part I	96	84	14.3%	32	50	-36.0%	58	72	-19.4%	58	90	-35.6%	42	36	16.7%	17	77	-77.9%
Part II	288	231	24.7%	28	35	-20.0%	135	148	-8.8%	117	91	28.6%	58	54	7.4%	59	111	-46.8%
Total Crime	384	315	21.9%	60	85	-29.4%	193	220	-12.3%	175	181	-3.3%	100	90	11.1%	76	188	-59.6%

Cumulative   **January 1 - December 31, 2006 - 2005**

	*1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%
Murder	7	5	40.0%	3	6	-50.0%	3	3	0.0%	3	3	0.0%	0	2	-100.0%	1	2	-50.0%
Rape	23	19	21.1%	3	3	0.0%	14	13	7.7%	12	14	-14.3%	1	8	-87.5%	18	4	350.0%
Robbery	94	81	16.0%	35	14	150.0%	134	72	86.1%	77	109	-29.4%	39	47	-17.0%	74	87	-14.9%
Agg. Assault	81	98	-17.3%	34	40	-15.0%	119	107	11.2%	124	101	22.8%	62	51	21.6%	79	88	-10.2%
Burglary	163	106	53.8%	48	51	-5.9%	142	109	30.3%	110	119	-7.6%	123	87	41.4%	91	101	-9.9%
Larceny	460	411	11.9%	297	347	-14.4%	365	329	10.9%	343	293	17.1%	151	204	-26.0%	351	358	-2.0%
Auto Theft	61	69	-11.6%	27	22	22.7%	101	131	-22.9%	51	85	-40.0%	30	29	3.4%	52	70	-25.7%
Part I	889	789	12.7%	447	483	-7.5%	878	764	14.9%	720	724	-0.6%	406	428	-5.1%	666	710	-6.2%
Part II	3,135	2,806	11.7%	512	501	2.2%	1,949	1,753	11.2%	1214	1192	1.8%	763	791	-3.5%	1,444	1,485	-2.8%
Total Crime	4,024	3,595	11.9%	959	984	-2.5%	2,827	2,517	12.3%	1,934	1,916	0.9%	1,169	1,219	-4.1%	2,110	2,195	-3.9%

* Please note the elevated numbers are a result of Warrant /Fugitive sections arrest by appointment at Rockville Station.

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